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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

--PRESIDENT CHIANG'S FUNERAL PREEMINENT CONCERN TAIWAN DURING WEEK. ALL LOCAL MEDIA PROMINENTLY WELCOMED NAMING VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER HEAD U.S. DELEGATION, EXTENSIVELY REPORTING ARRIVAL STATEMENT, OTHER ACTIVITIES AND LISTED HIM AS LEADING FOREIGN DIGNITARY. ACTIVITIES OTHER U.S. DELEGATION ALSO PROMINENTLY REPORTED INCLUDING SENATOR GOLDWATER'S NEWS CONFERENCE AND VARIOUS REMARKS BY SENATOR FONG, DR. WALTER JUDD, MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT AND AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE TAIPEI'S 1995 ROCKEFELLER ARRIVAL STATEMENT, 2008 FUNERAL ROUNDUP, 2011 MEDIA REACTION REPORT, 2012 ON GOLDWATER'S NEWS CONFERENCE, 2037 MEDIA REACTION REPORT AND 2038 ROCKEFELLER DEPARTURE STATEMENT.)

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

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--INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DEVOTED TO SUPPORTING VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER'S VISIT INCLUDING: PREPARING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTION, MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SENATOR GOLDWATER NEWS CONFERENCE, FURNISHING NEWS ROUNDUPS AND LOCAL PRESS SUMMARIES FOR ALL U.S. DELEGATION MEMBERS AND HANDLING GREAT NUMBER OF LOCAL MEDIA QUERIES AS WELL AS BRIEFINGS AND ASSISTANCE VISITING FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS COVERING FUNERAL.

--USIS CENTER ACTIVITIES, CANCELLED OR POSTPONED BY PRESIDENT CHIANG'S DEATH, BEING RESUMED NOW THAT FUNERAL OVER AND FORMAL MOURNING PERIOD RESTRICTIONS RELAXED SLIGHTLY. COMMERCIAL MOPIX THEATERS, OTHER ENTERTAINMENT PLACES ALSO RESUMING NORMAL ACTIVITIES. TV BACK ON IN COLOR BUT PROGRAMMING ON TV AND RADIO SUBDUED, SERIOUS SUBJECTS ONLY UNTIL FORMAL 30-DAY MOURNING PERIOD ENDS.

--POST THANKS IPS/MCMENAMIN FOR PROMPT SERVICE ON CLIPS OF PRESIDENT CHIANG'S DEATH REPORTS FROM U.S. PRESS. ORDERED BY CABLE APRIL 10, CLIPS ARRIVED APRIL 14.

--VANYA OAKES, RETIRED LIBRARIAN AND CHILDRENS' BOOK AUTHOR, VISITED POST AS LAST STOP EAST ASIA AND INDIA TRIP, TOLD PAO SHE IMPRESSED BY USIS AND USIS LIBRARY OPERATIONS, PLANS WRITE, POSSIBLY FOR SATURDAY REVIEW, ON EXPERIENCE. RLO HAUSRATH WRITING BENNETT, ICS, SEPARATELY. CLARKE

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